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*Yellow fever at Panama.*

PANAMA, August 22, 1899.

SIR: Since my last letter to you, bearing date of the 15th instant, and reporting this place to be clear of yellow fever, there have been between 20 and 25 cases taken to the hospital. Every one of these cases was taken from 2 coal ships which have been discharging coal in the bay here. They have been lying some 2½ or 3 miles from Panama, and the men have had no intercourse with the city at all. In most instances the men were taken to the hospital with the common fever, and the yellow fever developed after they had been in the hospital some time. As I stated above, all these cases are free from the city, and in Panama proper there has not been any yellow fever for something like a month.

Respectfully, yours,

FRANCIS A. GUDGER,  
*United States Vice Consul-General.*The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

CUBA.

*Sanitary reports from Cienfuegos.*

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, August 24, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to report that during the week ended August 16, 27 deaths were reported in this city, of which 7 were from malaria and 8 from intestinal diseases. No contagious diseases have been reported. The regular work of the station has gone on as before.

TUNAS DE ZAZA.

Dr. Francisco Ravella, United States Marine-Hospital Service, reported 24 deaths in the city of Sancti Espiritu, during the first eleven days of August.

On 16th instant 1 case of probable yellow fever was reported from that place, it being carefully isolated and quarantined.

Respectfully, yours,

S. B. GRUBBS,  
*Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, August 28, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to report that during the week ended August 26th 28 deaths were reported in this city, 8 from malaria and 6 from intestinal diseases. No contagious diseases have been reported in the city. Work in the office has gone on as usual.

Respectfully, yours,

J. M. LINDSLEY,  
*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.**Sanitary report from Nuevitas.*

NUEVITAS, CUBA, August 25, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report for the seven days ended August 19, 1899:

Seven vessels arrived at this port during the week, and 7 bills of health were issued.

The city of Nuevitas is at present suffering severely from a water famine, there being practically no water in the town save that which is brought to it from a distance. This water comes almost entirely from 2 sources, from Principe, and from a small river, Rio Saramaguacan, about 5 miles southwest of the city. The Principe water is from a large spring in the neighborhood of that city, and is brought to Nuevitas by rail by the Quartermaster's Department, United States Army. This water is for the use of Government officers and employees, and is also distributed to the poor of the city. The river water is brought into town and sold at about 15 cents (Spanish) for 4 gallons.

The disinfecting house of the Service here was finished during the week, and the steam chamber is about ready for operation, though the fuel, and especially the water problem may delay the getting up of steam for some little time. I purpose using wood for the present as fuel, and until the rains begin, getting my water from the quartermaster.

The office of the Service has been temporarily located in the custom-house in very cramped and unsuitable quarters, but it is my intention to utilize a room in the new disinfecting house as soon as I can furnish and equip it properly.

The weather here is cool, very cool for Cuba, and but for the awful lack of water, Nuevitas would not be an unpleasant place.

I inclose herewith the mortuary report for the city for the period covered by this report.

Respectfully, yours,

T. F. RICHARDSON,  
*Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., In Command.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

[Inclosure.]

NUEVITAS, CUBA, August 19, 1899.

*Deaths for the month of August at Nuevitas, Cuba.*

Date.	Diseases.	No. Cases.	Remarks.
Aug. 10...	Consumption.....	1	
Aug. 11...	Infectious enteritis.....	1	Infectious (?). Death certificate issued by Municipal Dr. Garcini.
Aug. 14...	Pernicious malarial fever.....	1	
Aug. 15...	Gastro-enteritis.....	1	
Aug. 16...	Typho-malarial fever.....	1	Case reported by Dr. Bryon. Dr. Artand, U. S. A. S., visited premises and disinfected.
Aug. 17...	.....do.....	1	The same measures were taken.
Do...	Consumption.....	1	
Aug. 19...	Anæmia perniciosa progressiva....	1	
	Total .....	8	
	Infectious diseases, including infectious (?) enteritis.	4	
	Consumption.....	2	
	Malarial and common fevers.....	2	
	Total .....	8	

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